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After the student section emptied early during this year's Vanderbilt game, Student Government partnered with the Athletics Department to incentivize staying until the Alma Mater.

Extra loyalty points, \$1 drinks part of new plan

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After the student section emptied early during South Carolina's game against Vanderbilt, Student Government and the Athletics Department have developed new strategies to keep students in the stands.

Students who stay through the

singing of the Alma Mater will receive a voucher for one additional loyalty point redeemable following Saturday's game against Kentucky. The idea of additional loyalty points for students who stay all four quarters has been discussed many times in the past, but focused on scanning CarolinaCards on students' way out of the stadium, which many dismissed as unreasonable logistically.

"It's almost physically impossible to scan all students' cards on the way out," said Josh Waters, associate

director of marketing for the Athletics Department. "We think this will really motivate students to stay so they can scan their cards on Monday and Tuesday to get extra loyalty points, especially with Florida and Clemson (games) coming up."

Students can redeem the vouchers between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Davis Field Monday and Tuesday. The voucher idea came from discussions with students who wanted the additional points for staying, according to Student Government

Secretary of Athletics Austin Solheim.

"The big thing for them was getting the point after the game," Solheim said. "I came to them trying to find an alternative to the scanning idea, and they gave me the idea for the tickets."

Students were also concerned about concessions at home games, Solheim said. Students said the lines were too long and costs too high.

A source of the long lines was a

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Student senate passed legislation and discussed upcoming initiatives at its regular Wednesday evening meeting.

SG 'developing' house of delegates

Problems with parking, shuttle buses to be evaluated by committee

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Student Government is in the process of assembling the house of delegates following the dismissal of an organizational challenge asking them to do just that. Student Body President Chase Mizzell announced that SG was "in the process of developing" the body.

Mizzell has received a marketing plan from Secretary of Student Organizational Outreach Brandon White and SG is working on securing a space for the body's first meeting. The body allows for one representative from each of USC's

more than 400 student organizations, though the actual number of groups represented is to be seen.

"We're working on getting the proper information out there in hope they will join us for this meeting," Mizzell said.

Legislation passed

The student senate passed a resolution expressing "the need for CLEP testing at the University of South Carolina." CLEP testing would give incoming first-year students an opportunity to get credit for subjects they may be proficient in, but did not take an AP exam or college-level class in, according to Senate Academics Committee Chair Erik Singleton.

Some senators expressed concern that the testing could undermine USC's academic

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OMSA staff vacancies filled

Malone, Strickland hired for director, assistant director positions

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Following two recent appointments, Student Life's Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) is fully staffed after multiple positions went unfilled for months. The positions of director and assistant director of Multicultural Student Affairs were filled last month by Shay Malone and Nakia Strickland, respectively.

OMSA "advocates for a welcoming, accepting, inclusive and supportive environment for students across multiple dimensions of diversity," according to its website. It fosters such programs as the October's LGBTQ History Month and the Hispanic History Month to promote cultural and social awareness, as well as easing a potentially difficult transition for minority students.

The move to restaff OMSA comes as part of a continuing push for diversity that included the hirings of John Dozier as chief diversity officer and of Kayla Lisenby as coordinator for LGBTQ programs this summer.

Lisenby, who was hired in June, praised both new faculty members for their commitment to LGBTQ awareness, an idea that is relatively new in the realm of cultural affairs.

"I think we have a lot of LGBTQ student resources available," Lisenby said. "But we still have a long way to go. Both new staff are big supporters of LGBT issues, which is great."

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IN BRIEF

11 plead guilty in Columbia man’s death

Eleven juveniles have pleaded guilty to beating a Columbia man who was found dead in April, The State reported.

De’Bron Aldrick Harrison, 20, was found bloody on the ground outside Allen Temple Church on April 20, according to police. All 11 pleaded guilty to second-degree assault on Sept. 19. The pleas were reported Wednesday.

The juveniles will remain committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice until they are 21. The department will decide when they are released, but Marcia Baker of the 13th Circuit Solicitor’s Office said that office “does not anticipate it will happen any time soon.”

Harrison died at Greenville Memorial Hospital of blunt force trauma to the head on April 26. He was on life support for the six days after he was found. Harrison had broken up a fight at a birthday party shortly before being beaten by a large group of people.

— Amanda Coyne, News Editor

High school quarterback facing drug charges

A South Pointe High School quarterback was charged with selling drugs at school Tuesday afternoon, the Rock Hill Herald reported. Wednesday morning, his bond was set at \$30,000 — \$5,000 for each of the six marijuana possession and distribution charges he’s facing.

Davonta Blake is facing four charges of distribution and two of possession after police recovered 2.4 grams of marijuana at South Pointe High School and 3.4 grams at his Rock Hill home.

Police were tipped off by school administrators shortly before the Tuesday arrest. When school officials searched Blake, they found a large prescription bottle containing seven individually wrapped packages of marijuana, according to Executive Officer Mark Bollinger of the Rock Hill Police Department. Police came after the school’s resource officer was alerted.

Police later found a mason jar with 12 baggies of marijuana in Blake’s bedroom, Bollinger said. More arrests are pending, but no additional charges have been filed, police said.

— Amanda Coyne, News Editor

Salary raise approved for city’s next mayor

Should the strong mayor ballot initiative succeed, the mayor would make \$160,000 a year, The State reported. The pay would be reduced if the mayor took a second job.

Regardless of the initiative’s success, the mayoral candidate elected this November will receive the first raise in more than 20 years to \$75,000.

The increase in pay would go into effect on July 1, 2014. The council’s first vote on the pay package was unanimous and a second and final vote is likely at the next city council meeting. The full potential package for a strong mayor will likely be decided at that meeting as well.

Mayor Steve Benjamin and Councilman Moe Baddourah, who is challenging the mayor, have excused themselves from the discussions of mayoral compensation packages.

Currently, the mayor of Columbia receives a salary of \$17,500. The pay has not been increased since the first term of former mayor Bob Coble, who refused raises throughout his five terms.

— Amanda Coyne, News Editor

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lack of CarolinaCard readers; the student section concessions stands only had two in the past. After consulting students, the athletics department has installed four additional CarolinaCard readers in the student section concessions stands. Water and bottled drinks will also be sold for \$1 during the fourth quarter.

“At hot games, that will be really valuable,” Waters said.

Students also complained about long lines for the pre- and post-game shuttles to and from the stadium. Athletics plans to cut down on the pre-game lines by allowing students to put their shuttle wristbands on themselves and increase the shuttle line staff.

While no changes in line flow will be made for the post-game shuttle, signs will be put up indicating how long bus patrons must wait in line before boarding the shuttle, much like a roller coaster line at a theme

park.

None of these measures will cost the athletics department anything extra, save for staffing costs, according to Senior Associate Athletics Director Charles Bloom.

While the spotlight has been on issues in the student section, Waters said there’s a much brighter story to be told about South Carolina’s athletics. More than 90 percent of the student tickets issued for the football game against Vanderbilt were scanned. Every fall sport has seen an increase in student attendance and support; even the equestrian team had 27 students drive to Blythewood to watch their home opener, Waters said.

Slightly more than half of students have already been to a sporting event this semester, while only 2,250 of USC’s nearly 30,000 students have not attended any type of game in their time at the university.

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reputation.

“I don’t want to dilute our degrees,” said Senate Student Services Committee Chair Jonathan Holt.

“I don’t know if any peer-aspirant schools offer this testing.”

Sen. Andrew Kovtun, who was added as a sponsor of the bill, said the university has always accepted CLEP credit and the addition of the testing would not affect the value of a degree from USC.

The resolution was passed “with acclimation.”

A resolution commending Sorority Council on their award from the National Panhellenic Conference was also passed. Two representatives from Sorority Council accepted a copy of the resolution at Wednesday’s meeting.

Transportation

updates

While overnight parking has been banned in the Coliseum parking lots since 2008, USC’s Division of Law Enforcement and Safety has begun enforcing the policy more strictly and ticketing cars in the lots after 2 a.m., according to Senate Safety and Transportation Chair Kirkland Gray.

“Everyone who has been parked there in the past week has definitely gotten the message, but that message needs to get out,” Gray said.

The Safety and Transportation Committee will also be analyzing usage data for SG’s campus shuttle and airport shuttle, which runs at the beginning of university breaks. Gray said he has received the most complaints about the red shuttle. That line is the only one that serves the Greek Village and

is used heavily during sorority and fraternity house meal times.

Gray and his committee have also been working with Parking Services on the issue of surface lot parking availability. This year, 1,222 surface lot parking permits have been sold to students for \$80. Throughout campus, there are 1,219 surface lot spaces, the majority of which are near Bates House and The Roost, Gray said.

Lot spots in the Coliseum lots are often the most highly sought-after by commuter students, and the lots regularly fill during peak class times. Gray proposed limiting the number of surface lot permits sold to students and noted that surface lot parking will further decline when the university begins construction on a new residence hall at the location of the Coliseum lots.

Holt said the surface lot permits were sold for much less than parking garage permits because a spot is not always ensured.

“You get what you pay for,” Holt said. “We don’t go to school at Wal-Mart.”

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Lisenby went on to praise Malone, citing her work in establishing an LGBTQ life center in her prior position at Vanderbilt University.

Malone, who had worked in the fields of leadership cultivation and multicultural affairs at Vanderbilt, is looking forward to her continuing work as the new director of multicultural student affairs at South Carolina.

"I started work in a multicultural center as an undergrad," Malone said. "I really wanted to continue that work as a professional."

Malone's position as director will involve coordination of a number of programs within OMSA, including those related to minority race and LGBTQ students. These programs are designed either to educate the general student community on cultural differences or to promote the success of minority students at USC.

"There's so much we can do as a department to make sure we are inclusive as well as educating the community on cultural differences," Malone said. "Somebody did it for

me, so now I can do it for others."

Strickland, who started in early September as assistant director of multicultural student affairs, also cited an ability to make an impact on students as a major reason for her interest in USC. Coming from a background as an admissions counselor at the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law, Strickland sees this position as an opportunity to positively influence young adults.

"I really love to encourage students to step outside of their cultural comfort zone," Strickland said. "It's important for them to know that diversity isn't something you can describe — it's an action."

Strickland's duties include overseeing the Minority Assistance Peer Program, a successful mentoring program designed to improve the transition to college for minority students, as well as coordination of cultural heritage months. Overall, she says, her job is to "make sure all students have the opportunity to experience all programs OMSA has to offer."

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USC smart to quickly tackle gameday attendance

ISSUE

USC is enacting multiple plans to keep students in the stadium.

OUR STANCE

Their ideas are saavy, and implementation was impressively prompt.

USC managed to make national news under less than ideal circumstances after a remarkable amount of students left Williams–Brice Stadium in the third quarter of the Vanderbilt game a couple weeks ago. There was a range of excuses for the mass exodus involving everything under the sun: lack of hydration, the unentertaining blowout score and quite literally being under the blistering sun for far too long. Undoubtedly embarrassed by the media, coach Spurrier and even the players themselves, USC has managed to put together a plan to remedy the stadium desertion in an impressively short amount of time. After struggling with the very same problem much of last year and doing little to tackle it, it’s

taken USC a mere three weeks since the problematic Vanderbilt weekend to hatch a plan full of incentives that should greatly benefit students on gameday and keep them in the stadium to support our Gamecocks. First and foremost are the extra loyalty points, which the school plans to grant via vouchers given to any student that stays for the entire game. As it stands, the vouchers can be cashed in at Davis Field on the following Monday or Tuesday. USC also plans to add CarolinaCard readers so more

“We can’t muster a single complaint about any of these solutions, and we find all of them to be appropriate and incorporated in an unusually timely manner, considering the school’s past with similar issues.”

students can use their Carolina Cash to buy concessions. Considering the nightmare that is post–game transportation, the school will also implement a sign to show the estimated time students will be waiting in line. It’s a small move that in some way combats the terrible anticipation when waiting for those buses to arrive. And finally, water bottles will be sold for a dollar in the fourth quarter — a no–brainer considering we are in Columbia, S.C., and it’s way too easy to get dangerously dehydrated after spending the better part of a day tailgating and then packing into an open-air stadium. We can’t muster a single complaint about any of these solutions, and we find all of them to be appropriate and incorporated in an unusually timely manner, considering the school’s past with similar issues. Perhaps it was the lambasting we got from the media and our football team, or maybe USC is stepping up their game, but either way, we’re happy to know that they listened to our commentary and acted punctually and accordingly.



Congress needs the proper incentives to get work done

Current state of Capitol Hill failing the people, country

As of midnight Monday, Sept. 30, our country cemented itself as the laughingstock of the world. Our so–called “leaders” abdicated responsibility and avoided passing a continuing resolution to fund the government. Of course, the very people creating this chaos face no consequence for not doing their jobs. According to the Washington Post, congressional pay is written into permanent, and not annual, law. Conveniently, this allows these hard-working men and women to continue being paid their \$174,000 per year while their staffers and many nonessential services are closed. Work less, get paid the same. One solution to this problem is to take their salaries and put them toward the services they have forced to close. I imagine progress would actually occur if they were forced to live like the average citizen and were given real incentives to accomplish something.



Steven Asbill
Fourth-year pharmacy student

Who is responsible for this shutdown? Senate Democrats? House Republicans? President Barack Obama? While there is plenty of blame to go around, ultimately, we are the ones who voted in this inept group of circus clowns. It is our responsibility to vote out the mayhem during the next election. The entire 435-member House of Representatives is up for re–election every two years. Our next chance to purge this immature, incompetent and self–serving group of people will therefore be in November of 2014. The Senate will receive a bit of a pass in the short term because senators serve six-year terms. One third of this legislative body will be up for re–election in 2014, however. Several journalists and policymakers expect the current shutdown to last at least a week. The longer the shutdown, the more detrimental its effects on our economy. A lengthy shutdown may produce ripple effects throughout various segments of the economy. The housing market may slow due to the extreme delay in IRS approvals for loans. Should this happen, the already entrenched housing market could backslide, bringing down even more segments of the economy. Margaret Chadbourn, Reuters columnist, expounded on the insidious damage that could derail the housing market’s recovery. “The U.S. government shutdown will soon begin to delay the approval process for mortgages and could threaten the nascent housing recovery if it stretches to mid-October or beyond.” Considering the housing bubble was the root cause of the 2008-2009 Great Recession, our leaders would do well to address the shutdown issue sooner rather than later. Domestic infighting has an impact abroad in addition to the ramifications here at home. How will we persuade a nation such as Russia to agree to an arms-reduction treaty when we can’t agree on how to fund our government for this fiscal year? The bottom line is we need a “clean–sweep” of Congress. We could elect a group of monkeys and receive the same results. Let’s face it, monkeys cost a lot less than \$174,000 to do nothing.

Government shutdown necessary evil

Furlough could provide economic kickstart

The United States federal government has been “shut down” for almost two full days as I write this. Aside from an abundance of media attention, have you even noticed? Approximately 800,000 “nonessential” government employees across the country have been furloughed, meaning they are not working or getting paid for an indefinite amount of time. For these people, the shutdown has had a major, noticeable impact on their lives. For the 99.8 percent of Americans not furloughed, the only real effect of the shutdown is that the government has racked up a lot less debt in their names. Admittedly, I’m probably overexaggerating a little bit when I say there’s no “real effect.” Sure, the parks are shut down, and some federal departments have nearly ceased functioning (only 3 percent of NASA’s employees are working, Department of Housing is at 5 percent of regular staff, the EPA is at 6 percent and the Department of Commerce has a slightly higher but still drastically low 13 percent of their staff working) but has anyone’s life really been negatively affected by their absence? Despite almost 35 percent of federal employees not working, our society has still functioned. There are no riots, there’s no looting, people aren’t dying in

the streets and people aren’t being killed at any higher a rate. If your house catches fire, the firemen still come, and the police still protect us from dangerous criminals. Almost all of the things that people regularly think of when they think of “government” are still functioning as normal because they are considered “essential” functions of government and are, therefore, still receiving funding. If we can get along just fine without 35 percent of what the government does, why exactly were we paying them to do these things to begin with? Sure, government-funded space trips are nice if your government has a bunch of extra money to burn, but ours simply doesn’t have that money. Our nation is already almost \$17 trillion in debt, and we get closer to passing that mark every day. When a person or a household or a company racks up a bunch of debt, they have no choice but to cut back and only spend money on essentials. Our government has a little bit more leeway in the amount of debt it can rack up because it has a better credit rating than most individuals. However, it is ultimately bound by the same limits as every other economic entity: it can only borrow so

much money before lenders stop lending and checks start to bounce. I think we can all agree that we’d rather have money for police and not for parks than not have money for either. Ultimately, I think the government will go back and compensate the furloughed employees and all of them will return to work (just like what happened after the last shutdown in 1996, and in the dozens of shutdowns before then). This won’t even be a blip on the historical radar; it certainly won’t make the history books. But perhaps it should — while I’m certainly not happy that 800,000 Americans are currently sitting at home without pay, asking them to find new jobs in the private sector (which will almost certainly expand to fill most of the roles the government is vacating) would be a relatively tiny price to pay if it can help us reign in this runaway train of government debt that every single American is riding.

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Grace Potter and the Nocturnals played at Columbia’s Township Auditorium after the Canadian vintage-sounding opener, Sam Roberts Band, started off the night.

2 unique bands play Township Auditorium

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A little rock, a little vintage and a lot of passion is the best way to describe the up-and-coming band Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.

Following opener Sam Roberts Band, the unique four-member band consisting of vocalist/keyboardist/guitarist Grace Potter, vocalist/drummer Matt Burr, guitarist/bassist/keyboardist/vocalist Scott Tournet and guitarist/bassist/vocalist Benny Yurco took the stage Wednesday night at Columbia’s own Township Auditorium. Playing popular hits like “Time Keeper,” the band drew an enthusiastic crowd of all ages under purple and blue pulsating lights.

“Very anti-top 100 music like this with

an eclectic feel just feels like something you would have heard 30 years ago,” said third-year history student and concert-goer Jonathan Rosado. “And I just like it.”

Potter led the way on stage calmly in her glitzy boots, captivating the audience with sexy vocals and quirky riffs. From the beginning, the audience sang along to one of their first songs of the night, “Low Road,” coming to their feet all together and hooting Potter into flamboyant and energetic head banging and clapping.

The female lead, Potter, a Vermont native, got her start at open mic nights at St. Lawrence University. In 2002, Burr approached her asking if she was interested in starting a band. After some hesitation, she joined with two others at her college to make a sound all their own. The band members hold their own onstage, each with a unique personal style that altogether is very

passionate and engaging. One guitarist has long locks; one has an afro; Potter was rocking a glittery black number, and the drummer was rocking a bandanna about his neck.

In 2004, the band, named after their late-night lifestyle, released their first album, “Original Soul” with jazzy, low-key songs that got some noted recognition. They went on to release their second album, “Nothing But the Water” in 2006 and gained even more success from their third album, “This Is Somewhere,” in 2010.

Their mixture of pop, rock and jazz has guided them around the country with an array of different fans and Hollywood recognition. The Township was swaying in unison during their set, singing along with voices a far cry from Potter’s own sultry croons, but just as enthusiastically. The intimate audience echoed the relatability of the lyrics of both bands.

Just as some songs were slower and more mellow, the next tune would be wild and loud, with Potter flailing her hair and the drummer going crazy.

With a less popular name, but an equally as interesting sound, Sam Roberts Band kicked off Wednesday’s show. Hailing from Canada, Roberts and the group played their acoustic rock songs with beautiful original lyrics and unique guitar sounds, as if Kings of Leon and The Black Keys had a musical love child. Similar to Grace Potter and the Nocturnals, Sam Roberts Band has a vintage feel reminiscent of the sounds of the ’60s and ’70s.

“Thanks for a memorable tour of the south,” said Roberts at the start of the show. “It’s been a real pleasure. We put those flip-flops on so fast.”

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‘Don Jon’ portrays relatable, flawed characters

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In Joseph Gordon-Levitt’s debut as a screenwriter and director and lead, Gordon-Levitt plays Jon, a muscular stud from New Jersey who only cares about specific aspects of his shallow life such as his family, partying, women and his friends. All of these connections to other people are severely strained by his addiction to pornography. Through flashy montages, Gordon-Levitt shows the differences between physical, real-world lovemaking and the gratification of watching Internet pornography.

During sex, Jon must deal with another woman while pornography does all the work for the viewer. Sex is complex and provides disappointments while pornographic images and videos are a simple click away. Porn provides a fictional representation of sex that has warped Don’s view of women and intercourse. He sees a woman, Barbara (Scarlett Johansson), in a club one night and says she is the most beautiful thing he has ever seen. He says “thing,” not woman, which is key. He has a strong



Joseph Gordon-Levitt directed and starred in his new movie, “Don Jon,” alongside Scarlett Johansson.

desire to have sex with her, but she wants a man that is looking for more than physical attraction. Her ideas of love and relationships have been filtered by media, too. Her pleasure derives from romantic Hollywood films. Barbara makes him go to lengths that he would never consider before. While taking night classes at her request, he meets a middle-aged woman named Esther (Julianne Moore). He forms an unlikely bond with her, a woman who seemingly

has nothing in common with him.

A large part of the enjoyment of “Don Jon” is watching characters whose lifestyles are so different from many of those in the audience. Jon’s views of the world, his relationships with women and even the way he looks and dresses are eye-rolling but frighteningly accurate. There is an uneasy truth to his vapid nature. Part of the uncomfortable

aspect of watching these characters is realizing how they are not that much different from the viewers, even if their lifestyles are markedly different.



Courtesy of MCT Campus
Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a porn-obsessed hunk in his screenwriting and directing debut.

Everyone might not be a perfectly toned and shaped man or woman, but most people have struggled with connecting with others and finding meaningful relationships.

Gordon-Levitt is hilarious as Jon. The way he talks and even the way he walks makes the character a superior comic creation. Johansson is equally good, doing what all great comedienne do: she is not afraid to make herself appear idiotic and unlikeable. She always looks gorgeous and flawlessly put together, but she is even more vain and egotistical than Jon.

As with most films, Moore only makes it better. The world the film has shown before she comes into the story is foreign to many viewers, but Moore grounds the film in a reality. She pulls Jon's head out of the clouds (or maybe the gutter). Barbara is an empty woman and Esther is a broken woman, but Barbara provides Jon with passion and connection.

Gordon-Levitt has made a frank and riotous comedy that shows he is not only one of the better actors of his generation but that he is a promising screenwriter and director.

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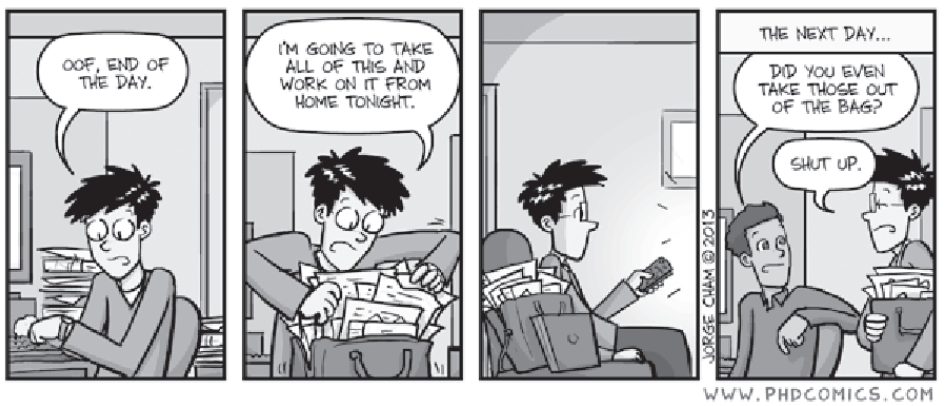

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Taurus

You can get through where a nervous friend can't. Think the problem through logically. You see the way. Schedule carefully. Stash away a bounty for later, despite temptation to indulge in a luxury. Give in to fun with a friend instead.

Gemini

Test the limits, and assume authority. Get feedback from a person with great taste. Exercise good judgment. Keep some cash on hand, just in case. Controversy rages on without you. Listen carefully and observe quietly.

Cancer

Figure out how to cut travel costs or home expenses. Stick to basics. Provide information. Entertain suggestions. A partner refreshes your memory. Insight illuminates your studies. Make a good impression by relying on your common sense.

Leo

Find time to put together a new project. Don't buy, sell or trade just yet. Learn about a passion. Careful planning puts more money in your pocket. Jump right in, and land in a lovely moment. Try something different.

Virgo

Start your planning, and take on more responsibility. Ask for what is due to you. Accept encouragement. Listen carefully. Discover other benefits. You have what you need. Romance hits you hard when you least expect. Go with it.

Libra

You're especially cute and popular now. Recognize your own stubbornness. Laugh at it for extra points. Have the gang over to your house. All isn't as it appears. Discuss your preferences, so you know what they are.

Scorpio

Gather valuable information. Important people are saying nice things about you. Meetings conflict with family time. Don't get into a silly argument. Get comfortable and rest. It's a good time to be with friends. The admiration is mutual.

Pisces

The competition is fierce, and you may encounter resistance. Let your partner take the lead. Together, you can push ahead. Your holdings are appreciating. Offer accommodation. Get something nice and practical for your home.

Sagittarius

Keep the important stuff hidden. Get organized and clean up. Pamper yourself with small luxuries. Imagine yourself in the winner's circle. Venture out with your partner to play with friends. An unexpected development adds a new option.

Capricorn

A conversation spurs you forward. Get the ones who know to confide in you. Others ask your advice. Show the team your appreciation. Re-check basic assumptions. Travel plans revolve around comfort. Double-check reservations.

Aquarius

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19 A cupcake's may be creamy

20 "The Bourne Identity" malady

21 Bar closing?

22 Wrist exercise provider

23 Lawn invader

28 Revolt

31 We're on it

32 Olympics opening ceremony VIP

36 Future school?

37 Fresh

38 Have ambitions

41 " _-hoo!"

42 Place to keep thyme

46 Become a member

49 Rubeola spot

50 Evoke something from the past

52 Low-growing greenery

56 Yarn source?

57 Respectfully give the final word

60 Ripping results

63 Variety, and what's literally hidden within 17-, 23-, 32-, 42- and 50-Across

64 Spring sign

65 Ancient Egyptian agents of capital punishment

66 Word with white or shell

67 Former CIA agent counterpart

68 Bar measure

69 "L.A. Law" actress DOWN

1 Held in check

2 Frisbee maker

3 Bruce in a 1974 film

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5 Ventura County resort city

6 Quack's wonder

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7 Physics class unit

8 Biblical twin

9 Strung out

10 Biological family subdivisions

11 Clock std.

12 Links concern

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18 Dennis the Menace's neighbor Wilson

21 Flowing garment

24 Robot play

25 Toiletry product whose slogan once began "Don't be half-safe"

26 Put away

27 Radiance

29 Arabic "son of"

30 Green who played a werewolf in "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"

32 Young chicken

33 "The Family Man" co-star Téa

34 Squash variety named for its shape

35 Syncopated pieces

39 Erie Canal mule

40 Specialized undergrad track

43 Part of FEMA: Abbr.

44 Fam. tree entry

45 Somewhat spotty on top?

47 Lascivious lookers

48 Sidelined

51 Very low

53 Globular

54 Developmental period

55 Soaked

58 National, before moving

59 Gab

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62 Obstacle, to Hamlet

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Volleyball hosts 4 straight games

Gamecocks put unbeaten home record on line

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Volleyball coach Scott Swanson has made his expectations of his players abundantly clear to them throughout the season.

“You go out there and compete your butt off for however long it takes and see what happens,” Swanson said. “We’re just trying to preach to our kids, ‘Do the best you can, and if you walk away and that best wasn’t good enough, you still have to hold your head up high.’”

This past weekend against undefeated Missouri, the Gamecocks were swept 3–0. In search of its first conference win of the season, South Carolina then traveled to Tennessee — a place where the Gamecocks had been held winless since 2002. South Carolina held its own Sunday and toppled Tennessee 3-1 in a win that Swanson called the highlight of his coaching stint at South Carolina.

The Gamecocks (9-5, 1-1 SEC) are now facing a unique opportunity to bolt out to a fast start in the SEC. The next four matches on South Carolina’s schedule are at home, where the Gamecocks are 6–0 this season. Arkansas (9-4, 2-0 SEC) and perennial powerhouse Texas A&M (9-3, 1-0 SEC) are next in line to take on South Carolina this week.

“They’re both extremely athletic and talented,” Swanson said. “They have more experience at a couple positions than we do, but they also

have a couple new faces. I expect two really challenging matches. I think we have a little better shot against Arkansas than we do against Texas A&M from what I’ve seen on tape. You never know once they get in our gym.”

The Gamecocks will face Arkansas at home this Friday at 7 p.m. The Razorbacks opened up SEC play with two 3-0 wins over Ole Miss and Mississippi State this past weekend. The last time Arkansas came to Columbia, the Gamecocks took a five-set decision to end the regular season. Arkansas then went on to make a brief appearance in the NCAA Tournament only to fall to Wichita State.

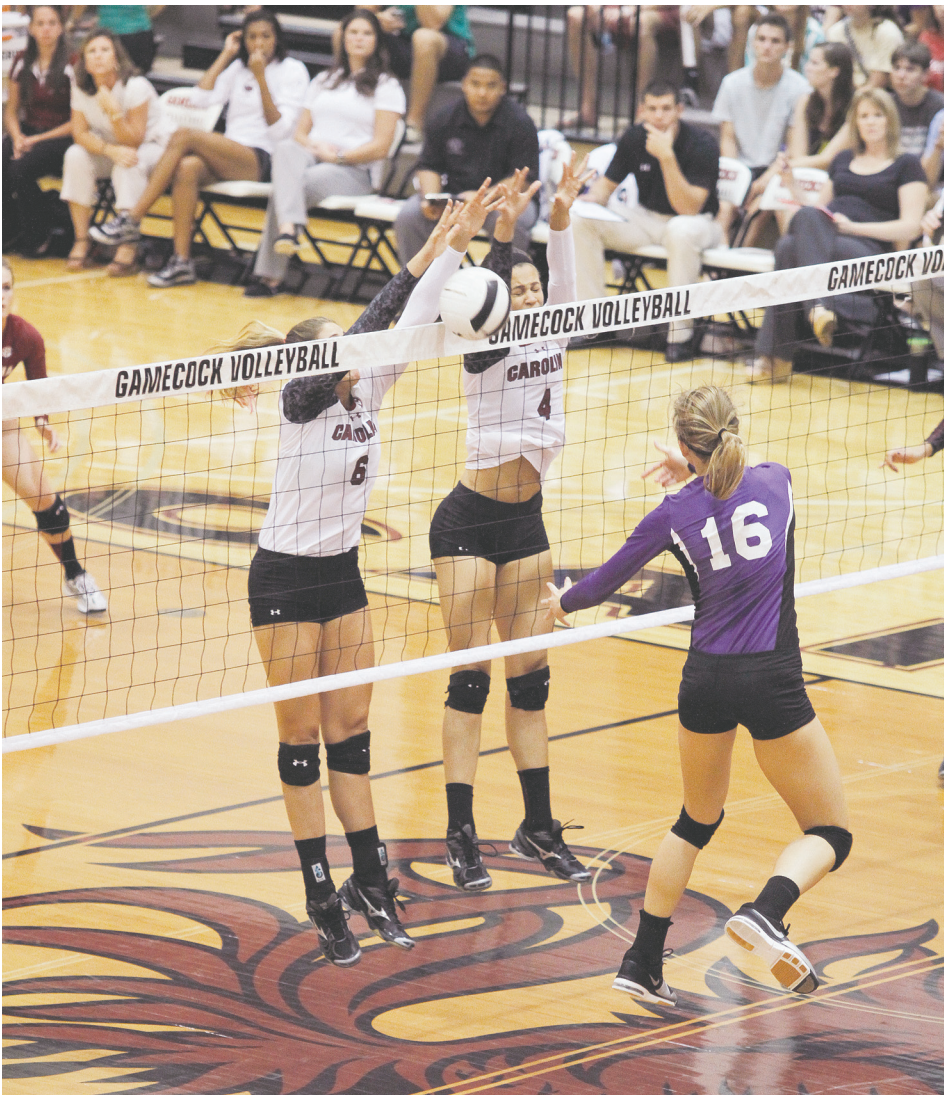
Texas A&M enters the clash with South Carolina with three losses — all to ranked opponents (No. 15 Iowa State, No. 7 Michigan, No. 22 Colorado State). The Aggies bested South Carolina twice last season, beating them handily 3-0 each time.

The Gamecocks could benefit from a worn-down Texas A&M team that will come to Columbia Sunday at 1 p.m. after facing No. 3 Florida on Friday. This is the Aggies’ first SEC weekend on the road this season.

“They’re both very good teams in the SEC,” sophomore Darian Dozier said. “I expect them to be better than Tennessee is. I also think they’re very beatable teams. If we keep putting together new things like we have been in practice, and go all out like we have nothing to lose, we’ll do pretty well.”

With the next four matches at home, Dozier realizes that the Gamecocks find themselves in a rather advantageous position.

“Home court advantage is a huge



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Sophomore Darian Dozier said the fan support South Carolina receives at home will be crucial when they take on four consecutive conference opponents in Columbia.

thing for us,” Dozier said. “Having your fans there cheering for you instead of [opposing fans] cheering against you and taunting you while

serving is a huge advantage. When people come and cheer us on, it’s awesome.”

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Junior goalkeeper Sabrina D’Angelo said the women’s soccer team’s aspirations go beyond an SEC championship; they hope to win a national championship this year.

D’Angelo leads defense

Gamecocks set to take on Florida, Tennessee

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The No. 9 Gamecocks (9-1-1, 2-1 SEC) head to Gainesville Friday to play No. 23 Florida (8-2-1, 2-1 SEC) in a battle to remain atop the conference.

South Carolina will then travel to Tennessee Sunday, where it will face the Volunteers (6-3-2, 1-1-1 SEC), who are hungry for a win.

Though starting conference play with a loss at Georgia, South Carolina’s first loss of the season, the Gamecocks quickly mustered home wins against Auburn and Arkansas to become one of the five teams tied for first in the Eastern division. Coach Shelley Smith pointed out that the wins were vital in getting her squad get back on its feet after the tough loss.

“Coming off a weekend when you win twice, it’s a positive,” Smith said. “We’re excited about what we’re bringing to Florida and Tennessee ... We are going in with confidence.”

With Sabrina D’Angelo patrolling the net, South Carolina should be confident as the junior goalkeeper pitched shutouts in eight of the eleven matches thus far. The Gamecocks have one of the top shutout percentages in the country and will look for D’Angelo and the defense to continue their success.

“Getting the shutouts, that means we’re winning,” D’Angelo said. “That means we’re keeping the ball out of the back of the net, and that’s the most important thing.”

The Gamecocks will need those strong performances to go into hostile environments and come

away victorious. Already having faced tough competition on the road, South Carolina will be able to use its experience to prepare against the crowds of Florida and Tennessee.

“We’ve experienced all the scenarios this season,” Smith said. “So we’re ready to face whatever is thrown at us.”

The success the Gamecocks have had this season gives them the advantage in both matchups. Though they have created a name for themselves, Smith says South Carolina still has to make a statement in the conference.

Winning against Florida and Tennessee on the road will do just that. These games are crucial to the team’s goal of winning its first SEC championship since 2011.

“We haven’t reached our goal, so we don’t take our eye off the ultimate goal of getting to the national championship, and playing for the SEC championship,” Smith said. “But we do understand the importance of each game.”

Though D’Angelo hopes the Gamecocks walk away with two more victories this weekend, she also hopes the team will continue growing. Facing two teams who have always given them trouble, South Carolina’s chemistry will be one of the deciding factors of both games, she said.

“Going into this weekend, we want to continue to win and do well and grow as a team,” D’Angelo said. “I think that’s the most important thing ... if we’re not growing as a team and getting better, we’re not going to beat teams in the SEC tournament and NCAA tournament.”

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Equestrian hits road

Team has scored school-record 32 points through first 2 meets

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When Katherine Schmidt first arrived at South Carolina, she expected to ride and compete, but she didn’t expect to be all that successful.

Three years and 51 wins later, Schmidt has seen a good bit of success. The junior has led the team in wins in each of her first two seasons and was named the AgSouth Female Athlete of the Year her freshman season. She has also racked up 12 MVPs in 68 rides.

Schmidt, who celebrated her 21st birthday on Wednesday, needs 21 more wins and six more MVP performances to pass former rider Kimberly McCormack as the school’s all-time leader in both categories.

“When I was told that I was an All-American at the end of my freshman year, it kind of hit me that, ‘OK, I’m all right at this,’” Schmidt said. “Luckily, I followed it up with a good sophomore season, too.”

Schmidt is a big reason why the Gamecocks are 2–0 this season after a 17–3 smashing of Fresno State and have outscored their opponents 32–7 through the first two meets. The 32 points in two meets is a school record.

“They rode extremely well and kept the pressure on throughout the whole competition (against Fresno),” coach Boo Major said. “That’s the most we can ask them to do. If they don’t let up and just keep competing no matter what, I think we have the opportunity to be real successful.”

South Carolina will now prepare to take part in two events in two days when they travel to Delaware to take on Delaware State and SMU on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Major said the two competitions in two weeks will help prepare her team for the tough task ahead of them this weekend. The team will fly to Delaware tomorrow, and Major said that she really isn’t too concerned with the back-to-back matches.

While SMU is debuting a Western team this season, Major said she expects them to not “be slackers” and that the Mustangs have always had a good Hunt Seat team. Since Delaware State has the home-field advantage, the coach expects a good fight from them as well.

“I think we’re going to have our work cut out for us,” Major said.

For Schmidt, the key to the early season success has been the fact that the team has “hit the ground running.”

If the Gamecocks are going to continue their hot streak, Schmidt will likely be a big factor in that. And if the past two years are any indication, the team should be in good hands.

Unlike some riders, Schmidt practiced with a variety of horses during her high school years because she was a working student at one of the biggest show barns in the country. Schmidt rode the clients’ horses around to keep them in shape and trained under highly touted equitation trainer Andre Dignelli.

That experience with a variety of horses has paid dividends for Schmidt in college and helped her become a top-15 rider coming out of high school in Connecticut.

“It’s a huge advantage,” Schmidt said. “If you have one horse, you can go and compete at a lot of horse shows, but you don’t get the experience of riding a different horse. I’ve ridden horses that are slow, horses that are fast, some that don’t like to jump and some that love it. So it helps me to have a lot of confidence in college riding.”

Another positive for Schmidt is that her sister, Chloe, is a freshman at South Carolina this season. However, the younger sister suffered a badly broken leg last spring and is still recovering from it.

Major said the sisters get along well and that it is evident that their parents raised them the right way by the way they act.

“Sometimes you get siblings and either they’re polar opposites or one of them outshines the other one,” Major said. “They have such a great relationship, and I certainly think that they will be able to help each other out.”

Katherine said that she is a glass-half-full kind of person while Chloe can be more of a glass-half-empty individual. Because of this, Katherine has been able to help her sister stay strong through her recovery process.

“She was really upset when I went to go see her in May in the hospital,” Katherine said. “She was heartbroken. I told her, ‘Chloe, you’re going to get better. Just be patient.’ I just kind of helped her stay positive and it was something that she definitely needed to hear.”

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